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## Don Your Thinking Caps! Brainteasers Back

Comely Caroline's peacock lays an egg in Sheila's yard next door. Who owns the egg? And while you're at it, where can anyone but you sit?

The answers after this message.

Next week, the **Mariner** launches its fourth annual Brain Teaser contest, and if you are in the mood for mental puzzles, here's a chance to win some pre-Christmas cash and have fun to boot.

The contest will run for six weeks with prizes of more than \$150 to be awarded. First prize is \$100, second prize \$30 and third, \$20. Two-year **Mariner** subscriptions go to the fourth and fifth place winners and one-year subscriptions will be given to those who finish in the sixth through 10 spots.

### THE RULES

The Brain Teaser rules are no puzzle. Each week contestants will be asked to answer 10

questions — plus a bonus to break ties. Most will call for nothing but straight logic; a few will require some knowledge of U.S. Presidents and once in a while we'll send you on a minor mission of research.

All answers must be typed or printed clearly. If we can't read your hencratch, we mark you wrong.

All entries must include the contestant's name, address and telephone number.

Each entry must be postmarked on or before the Tuesday following publication of each Brain Teaser. This gives contestants five to six days to mull over their choices.

All disputes should be made in writing (no calls) and mailed to the **Mariner** at Box 682, Marshfield, Mass. 02050. Every attempt will be made by the Brain Teaser judge to settle arguments. Should he need help, the **Mariner** editor

in-charge-of contests will offer his flimsy assistance.

The contest will run for six weeks with a minimum of 60 questions plus bonus questions. The winners will be those hardy souls who correctly solve the most number of puzzles. Bonus questions will be used to break ties. Should they fail to do so, we will one, cross that bridge when we come to it; two, ask more questions, or three, choose a winner by lot.

### THE JUDGE

The former Brain Teaser editor, having made so many dumb cluck mistakes, has been put out to pasture. This year the contest will be run by Stephan Hall of Marshfield who is a stock broker by profession and a wizard of the mental puzzle by hobby.

Hall is a two-time winner of the contest (he didn't enter the first year) and has gener-

ously agreed to retire so someone else can get rich. Crossword puzzles and other mental games are really much more than a hobby to him. He's addicted to the stuff, and he's not afraid of a little research now and then. Example —

One year our question about a U.S. President who was a shorthand expert sent him on a merry chase that began at Katherine Gibbs, a secretarial school in Boston. They were no help. He talked to history professors at Boston University, Brandeis and Harvard. The Harvard man suggested Grover Cleveland knew shorthand, so Hall called Buffalo (Cleveland's home) and was referred to the Buffalo Historical Society.

"Can I speak to someone who knows Grover Cleveland," asked the inquisitor.

"You mean who knows him personally?" answered the demure voice on the other end

without so much of a hint that she might have kook on the line. She turned out polite but was no help.

Deterred? Never.

Hall had a hunch about Woodrow Wilson, so he called up a Professor Arthur Link at Princeton who confirmed that Wilson was indeed a shorthand expert.

What is smokeless tobacco used for? Snuff, Hall figured, but he decided to double check with Philip Morris. After calling Virginia he tracked down a chemist who agreed that snuff is smokeless tobacco.

So, you see we have no rookie running the Brain Teaser contest. All contestants have to worry about is the game and the cheer it will provide.

Until next week then —

Incidentally, peacocks don't lay eggs (peahens do), and anyone but you can sit on your lap.



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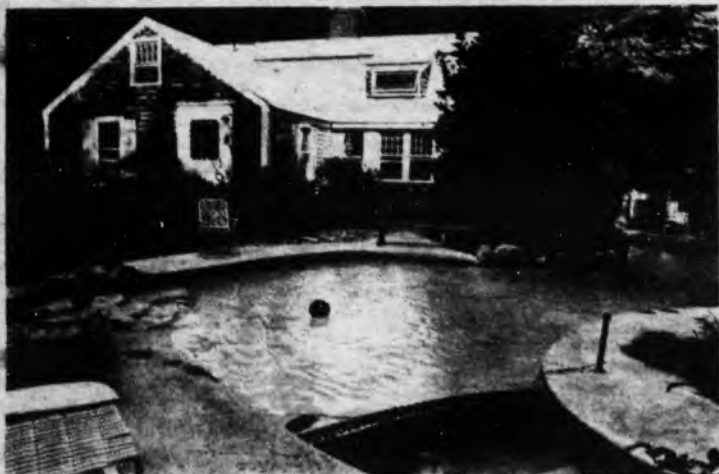
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